detention under N. S. A. in Central Jail, Madras;

(b) if so, what were the details of the letter; and

(c) what was Government's reaction to the letter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The letter was published in "The Hindu' of October 5. The text is attached. [*vide* answer to the Unstarred Question 736 *supra*]

(c) 157 LTTE detenues, including Kittu, were transported to Jaffna, Sri Lanka on the 9th October, as requested by them. Kittu and seven others were released from IPKF custody there on the 12th October.

मध्य प्रदेश में दक्षिण पूर्व रेलवे तथा मध्य रेलवे की रेलगाड़ियों के लिये नये डिब्बे

753. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री सोहन लाल धूसिया :

क्या **रेल** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दक्षिण पूर्व रेलवे तथा मध्य रेलवे की मध्य प्रदेश में चलने वाली बिलासपुर–इन्दौर एक्सप्रेस आदि जैसी रेलगाड़ियों में लगाने जाने वाले सवारी डिब्बों की हालत पुराने होने के कारण बहुत खस्ता है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इन रेलगाड़ियों में कुछ बेहतर स्थिति वाले सवारी डिब्बे लगाये जायेंगे ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Replacement of teaching of foreign languages

754. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to replace teaching of foreign languages with Indian languages in schools; and

(b) whether a directive to this effect has been issued to all the Universities and schools/colleges under Government control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) In Central Board of Secondary Education affiliated schools, students may offer Arabic, Persian, French, German, Russian, Spanish as an additional language. No instructions have been issued to Colleges and Universities to replace teaching of foreign languages with Indian languages.

The States have their own agencies to work out and prescribe the scheme of studies to be followed by their schools

National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

755. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government to declare some State roads as National Highways in that State;

(b) if so, what are the names of these roads, with length in kms;

(c) whether Government have decided to take-over about 3,000 kms. of State roads into the category of National Highways which would include some of the roads of Andhra Pradesh; and